

In the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as indicated below:

A communications system comprises at least one beacon device ~~(12, 14)~~ capable of wireless message transmission and at least one portable device ~~(10)~~ capable of receiving such a message transmission. The beacon ~~(12)~~ is arranged to broadcast a series of inquiry messages ~~(60)~~ each in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields (INQ) arranged according to a first communications protocol, such as Bluetooth. For the delivery of additional data via broadcast, the beacon ~~(12)~~ adds to each inquiry message prior to transmission an additional data field (BCD) carrying audio data, with the portable device ~~(10)~~ receiving the transmitted inquiry messages, reading the audio data from the additional data field, and reproducing the audio to a user.

~~(Figure 1)~~